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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 4

Part B for February 1926.

SUBJECT

Forwards copy of letter from the Dy. Comr. Mysore re the proposed Satyagraha organized to be held by the Kaniyas on 20.12.25 in front of the Sri Gunjanarasimha Swami temple at T.

First members' order

No further action is needed.

Routine Notes.

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mer 192-25-J

From the Mag: Coms.,
letter no. C. 693 of 25-69
& 17.12.25.

Forwards for information a copy of letter from the D. mypore and of its enclosure re the proposed Sabyagrahs organized to be held by the Kanipars on 20-12-25 in of the Sri Gunjanarasimha swami temple at T. N

It will be seen from the A.D.O. Amildar's report of 1.12.25 that he has taken all the necessary precautions to prevent the Satyagrahs being held -

2. The D.C has requested the Distt Supdt of Police to be present at T Narsipur on 20.12.25

3. A further communi- cation may perhaps be received as to whether the Satyagrahs

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Did actually take place
Yesterday (20.12.25)
Submd. for orders
RD
21/12/25

RD
21.12.25

4 Has any further comm.
been rec'd re the matter?
RD
31/12

5 None has been received f/b
RD
7/1/26

6 None received since?
R
7/1

RD
7/1/26

8 a further communication may be called
in the matter,
for
Rev. Sec?)
R
7/1

9 Not necy - J Kunch -

10 If there was any thing of the
Kind referred to in the report, upon the

P. C.
Put in an immediate Slip

11 DL shows the Explanation
why an immediate communication
was not sent. Communication
has now been sent.

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Communication will have come.
(The M.C. says she has been told
to remember as from 9.1. "come here."
The delay is not her fault (Secy.)).
10/9.1
R
7.1.26.
8/1/26

S.R.S. III—3]

Routine Notes.

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12. It is respectfully submitted that from the dates of subsequent it will be clear that the paper came to the branch in the evening of 19th Dec. 25; 20th was a Sunday, it was worked up and 21st as an ~~urgent~~ 'urgent' reference. As the permanent Asst. Secy was absent on leave & the 2 i/c Asst. Secy had to attend to the Rev. Minor & the paper was then passed on 30.12.25. The further dates speak for themselves.

13. Under regd. orders, 'Immediate' slip was put in ~~on~~ head of 'urgent' slip & submitted on the 1.1.26.

14. The delay is however very deeply regretted.

If this file bears an urgent slip put on, the Asst. Secy should not have delayed it for 9 days.

It would appear however from the file that there was no urgent note from them and no urgent slip on the file. Evidently so such slip was attached or which is very unsatisfactory

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15 The delay is regretted

12/1

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Dy. Secy

12/1.

Dy. Secy (Mr. Menon)

14/1

G.R.S. III—3]

Routine Notes.

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	Serial No	
2792	2	Petition dt 18.12.25 to the Dewan from the Kaniyars of T. Narsipur. State that they have entered into "Satya Agraha" from 20th Dec. last and are determined to continue it, till they get entry into the temple.
		16. A communication on the subject received sometime back from the Mys. Comr. was recd to the Members today.
		17. The Dewan has ordered on this that it should be subd to the 1st member
		18. Submitted, as ord 1st member. 13/1. 13.1.26 13/1.
324/151		19. The petn & its Enclosure may be sent to the Collector for Enquiry & report within a week. 13/1 15th Inst. 13/1
		20 Draft for consd 15/1 21 For approval. Rev. Secy. 16/1
3.		To, D.C. Mysore. 22 Issued 16/1 No 858 dt 16.1.26 Calls for report within a week on the petn. Copy to M.C. No 859 dt 16.1.26

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Serial No

4 D.O. letter no. O.C. 932 of 25-26 & 28-1-26.

From the D.C. Mysore.

States that he has asked the S.D.O. to expedite his report & that he would send his final report after a reply is read from him —

23 Secretary's remarks

Please put up with the D.P. of yesterday. I believe there is a note about this: (Sd) B.S. 30.1.26.

24. A copy of the Daily Post of 29-1-26 is put. The note is under Mofussil News — (portion marked in red pencil).

Sd 30/1/26

Rev. Secy

30/1

18/1 member

1/2 30/1 1/2

11/1.2.26.

25 The report promised by the D.C. may be awaited

1/2 1/2

5 From the Dy: Comr, Mysore Distt.,

D.O. Letter no O.C. 932 of 25-26 of 16.2.26.

Encloses the reports of the S.D.O. and the Distt Supdt of Police; and states that the Kaniars have made no representation to him in the matter, that they have not entered into the temple; and that if they represent their grievances to him the question will be considered from all points of view —

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Serial No.

26 Reference Member's minutes in paras 19 & 27 It will be seen from the Dy. Comrs report and its enclosures that the contemplated Satyagraha movement by Kaniyar in front of the Sri Gunjanar temple at D. Narsipur was due to Mr. Jagadeva Ramachandra Rao, a Congress that necessary steps have been taken by the local officers to dissuade the Kaniyars & their leader Mr Ramachandra Rao & others from holding the Satyagraha; and that the Kaniyars have promised not to hold the Satyagraha until the plague [illegible]

28. The D.C. while stating that news paper articles by so called Social reformers and communications from self constituted agents cannot form the basis for action in the Mugrai Dept promises to consider from all standpoints of view, if representations are made to him by the Kaniyars, which they have not made till now.

Subd for orders.

Immediate

17/2/26

Rev. Secy

17/2/26

29) 1st Member

17/2/26

30) Seen. No further action is necessary on this. Submitted for Dewan's perusal

Dewan 31) Noted

19/2

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NOTE—Contn. Sheet

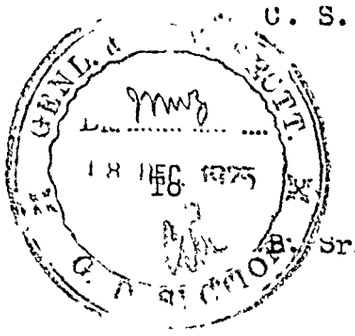
No. C6 30/25-6 Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.
Mzo

Dated Bangalore, 17th December 1925.

Muz D No. 703
Muz 192-25-1

From

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.



To

B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of Government copy of letter C.No.427/25-26 dated 14th instant together with a copy of its enclosure from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, intimating that the Kaniyars have organized to hold ---- "Satyagriha" on the 20th instant in front of the Sri Gunjanarasimha Swamy temple at T. Narsipur.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C S Balasundaramayya

Muzrai Commissioner.

KSR.

Let No.C.427/25-26 dated 12/14th December 1925 from the Deputy Commissioner Commissioner, Mysore District to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

"I have the honor to submit herewith for favour of information copy of D.O.letter No.23 dated the 7th December 1925 received from the Amildar of T.Narasipur Taluk, in the matter of holding "Satyagri on 20-13-25 by Kaniya people before the Sri Gunjanarasimhaswamy temp at the place.

I have requested the District Superintendent of Police Mysore to be present at T.Narasipur on 20-12-25 and do the needful."

"C o p y"

for Muzrai Commissioner.

KSR.

No.D.O. 23 dated the 7th December 1925 from the --- Amildar, T. Narasipur, to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District Mysore.

"I am in receipt of your D.O. letter R.O.C.1418/25-26 dated the 4th instant, regarding the situation of the Campaign of ---- Satyagraha said to have been started by Kaniyars at T. Narasipur, to enforce their alleged right to enter Sri Gunjanarasimhaswamy temple at T.Narasipur. I beg to state that one Mr. Thagadur --- Ramachandra Rao organised a conference of Kaniyars on the 5th --- September 1925 with a view to ameliorate the condition of the --- Kainyars. The conference was presided by Mr. M.venkatakrishniah of Mysore. The proceedings were watched by the local Police and there was nothing objectionable so far. But Mr. Thagadur Ramachanc Rao subsequently wrote to the Parpathyagar of the Sri Gunjanarasimha Swamy Temple, myself the Sub Division Officer and other Officers stating that in persuance of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Kanyars, the Kanyars had been given a mandate to go to Sri Gunjanarasimhaswamy temple and by non-violent and non-cooperation ask for entry into the temple premises.

In reply to the above said communication, I issued an endorse ment immediately to Mr. Thagadur Ramachandra Rao, that it was against mamool to permit entry into the Sri Gunjanarasimhaswamy temple and that as this was a Muzrai Institution, such an entry would not be permitted by the local authorities.

On the date fixed, a number of Kanyars from Chamarajanagar and Kollegal Taluks were seen coming to T.Narasipur on the 14th Sept 25. I met them near Nilasoge and explained to them the futility of undertaking a journey to T.Narasipur, as I was going there ---- personally to prevent entry for demonstration in front of the temple and explained to them, that the proper course for them was to obtain proper sanction for such entry from the persons in authority. In T-Narasipur, some Kanyars of Bosale and Munsur were seen congregated. The matter was explained to them also, with the result that on the next morning when I went there with the Police Inspector, there was not a single Kanya there. Mr. Thagadur Ramachandra Rao did not put in his appearance also.

Again, I have received a printed pamphlet, stating that the Kanyars intend doing Sathyagraha in front of the same temple on the

20th

20th December 1925. I have issued an endorsement to Mr. Thagadur Ramachandra Rao, the organiser of the Satyagraha and submitted -- copies to the Sub Division officer and to the Deputy Commissioner, for favour of publication in the local news papers, stating that - owing to plague in T.Narasipur, any attempt at congregating of peopl at that place would be considered as an act endangering human life and that further, no demonstration in front of the temple which is likely to obstruct the passage of archaks and devotees would be - permitted and that acts transgressing this order would be duly deelt with under the law.

I have been personally meeting the head-men of the Kanyars in Krishnapura and other places and explaining to them that they would be ill-advised to attempt at anything like Satyagraha in -- front of the temple. I submit the fact for your kind information

(Sd.) H.C.Subba Rao,

"C o p y"

for Mujrai Commissioner.

KSR.

SUBJECT.....

Diary No. of letter replied to... 792

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File No. 192-25

Seria No. 8

No. 858

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To The Dy: Com^r Mysore Dis.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir,

Date of issue 16-1-26

Signed by M S N

With reference to your lett
noc 427 8/14-12-25 (2 25-6) to the Mujrai Com^r
in Mysore on the subject of holdi
"Satyagraha" by Kanniga people
before the Sri Gunjanarasimha-
swamy temple at T. Narsipur,
I am directed to forward herewith
for enquiry and report within a week,
a petition registered no. 792 8/18/1
with its enclosure
from the Kannigars of T. Narsipur
stating that they have entered
into "Satyagraha" from 20-12-25
and are determined to hold it o
till they get an entry into the

List of enclosures .....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

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temple. ~~and to request to that~~

~~the matter may be enquired into~~

~~and a report submitted within a week~~

I have etc

Secretary
Rev Deptt

16/1

8 J
16.1.26

Memo No. 85 J/16/1/26

Copy forwarded, with compliments,
to the Muz. Comr. in Mysore for
information, with reference to his
letter no. C 693 of 25.26 B/7 12 25

By order

Rev. Secretary

16/1

D. C. 932
25-1-26

Muz 86/13

A. V. RAMANATHAN,
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Confidential

MYSORE,
28th January 1926.

M.C. No. 54

Dear Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar,

With reference to your D.O. letter No. Muz. 934 Muz. 192-25 dated 26-1-1926 calling for a report in the matter of the campaign of Satyagraha started by the Kaniars in the T. Narasipur Town, I write to state that I have personally instructed the Sub Division Officer, Nanjangud on 26-1-1926 to expedite the submission of his report and as soon as his report is received I shall send my final reply in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A/Sd Illegible

Please put up with the D.P of yesterday. Illegible Then is a reminder also

30/1/26.

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GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT.
17 FEB 1926
MADRAS

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.
Dated, Mysore, 16th February 1926.

D. 938
SEC no 5

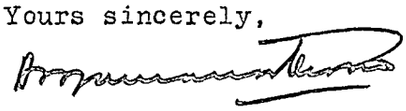
Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter No.934/Muz. 192-25 dated 26th January 1926, forwarding for report a petition Registered No.792 dated 18th December 1925 from the Kaniars of T.Narasipur stating that they have entered into Sathyagraha in order to obtain entry for their caste people into Sri Gunja Narasimhaswami Temple at T.Narasipur, I herewith enclose the reports received from the Sub Division Officer,Nanjangud, and the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, on the subject and to state that these reports give an accurate description of the facts of the situation.

The Kaniars have not till now represented their case to me nor have they submitted any petition to the Amildar or other Officer, stating their claims. Communications from self constituted agents who say they speak on behalf of a community to which they do not themselves belong and newspaper articles written by so called social reformers cannot be taken to give a correct index of the feelings of the Kaniars and cannot form the basis for action in the Muzrai Department. That Kaniars have not entered the said Temple all along is a fact and the custom is born of age long tradition. If and when the Kaniars come forward with a petition putting forward their claim and stating the grounds of such claim, the question will then have to be considered firstly in consultation with Dharmadikarees and others who are well versed in the scriptures relating to temples and secondly in the light of present day social conditions.

In the meanwhile, I have been closely watching the situation from the commencement and everything necessary is being done to prevent any danger to the public peace and the local officers have been fully apprised as to what they should do when any acute situation arises.

Yours sincerely,



To

B. Srinivasa Iyengar,Esq.,B.A.,B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Bangalore.

A.N.

Sub Division Office,
Nanjangud.

Dated, Nanjangud, 6th February26

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter dated 29th January 1926, calling for a special report in the matter of the Kaniyar Sathyagraha campaign at T.Narasipur, I beg to state that one Tagadur Ramachandra Rao, a Congress Worker of Mysore has been the prime mover in this agitation.

Ramachandra Rao acted as arbitrator in a quarrel that arose in Bangalore city between some Kanivars and caste-Hindus in the mill area, the former claiming to be non-Panchamas and the latter refusing to concede this position.

Upon this arbitration Ramachandra Rao found his ~~xxxxx~~ opportunity, and he kept the flame of discontentment alive among these kaniyars by undertaking to establish their real 'status' in Hindu society. He managed to get a few malcontents around him and organized a conference of Kanivars with Mr.Venkatakrishniah of Mysore as President. This conference came off on the 5th September last at T.Narasipur. I understand that feeling was not united among the non-Kanivars sympathisers who took part in the conference.

Ramachandra Rao's next move was to send out a mandate to the Kaniyar population asking them to enter the Sri Gunjanarasimha Swami Temple at T.Narasipur and he notified the Temple Parpatteyar and the Amildar about this. The Amildar informed Ramachandra Rao that nothing contrary to marool could be allowed in the temple which was a muzrai institution. Thereupon Ramachandra Rao issued a manifesto calling upon the Kanivars to observe Sathygraha. He fixed the date for the 20th December last. About half-a-dozen Kaniyars particularly from Irasavadi village of the Chamarajanagar taluk, and Josale village of the

T.Narasipur taluk became his close associates. The rowdier among these were one Nanja of Irasawadi village of the Chamarajanagar taluk and one Thanniah of Sosale.

The Amildar had in the meanwhile issued a notice to Ramachandra Rao and his associates that he would not allow any meeting to assemble as there was plague in the town, and he also prohibited any action likely to interfere with the Temple servants proceeding for worship into the Temple. At the same time the Amildar interviewed the leaders of the community in villages and advised them against any rash acts.

Ramachandra Rao and his lieuterants would not however depart from their enterprize. The Amildar had kept the Deputy Commissioner, the District Superintendent of Police and myself in touch with what all was happening. As the Amildar was displaying some nervousness about the movement I went to T.Narasipur on the 19th evening with Mr.K.Venkataswami Iyer, B.A.,B.L., Advocate, Nanjangud, who very kindly undertook to go with me. We found that about 4 or 5 Kaniyars had encamped under a rowti in a tope to the east of the Temple. They had run up a flag. Ramachandra Rao was safely lodged in a snug room in the Travellers' Bungalow. Owing to his influence and position Mr. K.Venkataswami Iyer was able to give sound advice to Ramachandra Rao and the Kaniyars. The District Superintendent of Police was also there. We found that after all, the only grievances which the Kaniyar volunteers put forth were that their boys were not admitted to schools and that they could not take water from wells with other caste Hindus in villages. Ramachandra Rao and the Kaniyars listened to Mr.Venkataswami Iyer's words of advice and they left the place on the 20th morning with their bag and baggage.

The episode did not, however, end here. Ramachandra

Ramachandra Rao issued yet another manifesto calling forth a fresh Satyagraha campaign for the 24th January. Printed hand-bills and circular instructions to the Kaniyars as to how they had to conduct themselves during the campaign, were also sent out by him.

The Amildar was in close touch with the various stages in the progress of events. I happened to tour about in the villages as I was conducting the Jamabandy of this Taluk then. I found, on enquiry, that the bulk of the community did not want any such adventure. These people live in separate Keris close to those of Panchamas, and they eke out their existence either by administering medicines to the sick or by weaving and agriculture. Most of them present a miserable appearance on account of poverty and squalour. They are also addicted to drink. The people whom I interviewed told me that they wanted better food and better houses. It was purely a question of economic improvement.

Ramachandra Rao and his associates in the meanwhile persisted in their endeavours. On the 23rd morning a few Kaniyars arrived at T.Narasipur. They were told by the Amildar and myself about the inadvisability of their methods of agitation. These people listened to my advice and went away. Ramachandra Rao stuck on. His hands were strengthened by the arrival of four other Congress workers from Bangalore. These were all young men. They were led by the Editor of 'The Viswa Karnataka', Mr. T.T.Sharma. They argued the question with me and when I explained to them the several implications and dangers involved in the agitation they were supporting adventure, they wanted time to consult the Kaniyars. This they did the same night in a village, 2 miles from T.Narasipur, called Nilasoge, where about 70 or 80 Kaniyars had assembled under the leadership of Ramachandra Rao.

Next morning these Bangalore ' Sympathisers ' ~~earlier themselves~~ told me that the Kaniyars were very firm, that they had the necessary spirit and discipline to go through the 'Thapasya' as they called it. Thereupon, Ramachandra Rao and the Kaniyars met me and the Amildar in the Travellers' Bungalow at T.Narasipur. During the conversation which I was having with the Kaniyars in the presence of the few Bangalore ~~Pleader~~ one of the Kaniyars broke loose and displayed such an amount of vehemence that it unnerved the other people as also Mr. Sharma and Mr. Devadu Narasimha Sastry among the Bangalore workers. Mr. Sharma spoke to them about their unpreparedness and about the lack of the spirit of non-violence needed for their 'Thapasya'.

The prevelence of plague in the town added strength to their arguments. During our conversation the District Superintendent of Police also arrived from Mysore. Mr. Sharma and Mr. Devadu Narasimha Sastry assured us that they would send the Kaniyars away. The District Superintendent of Police stayed at T.Narasipur ~~that~~ that evening as the Amildar and Myself had to go to Mudukathore for the Rathotsavam. The District Superintendent of Police came to Mudukathore in the evening and told me that the men had left the place. At the same time he gave me a letter signed by one Nanjadasa Jeyar (that is, Nanja of Nilsoge) and another Kaniyar stating that on account of plague they had decided to post-pone the campaign. The District Superintendent of Police further told me that several of the Kaniyars that had assembled there confessed to him that they had been misled that they would thereafter resort to such of the constitutional methods as they had not yet adopted and that they would look to the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council for the redress of their grievances.

Thus ended this second episode in Ramachandra Rao's experiments in Sathyagraha..

It has to be confessed however, that there is still the leaven kept alive by Ramachandra Rao who feels that he has been foiled. It should not be a surprise if he stirred up some of the Kaniyars, atleast, for another attempt in the game.

This movement is artificial and weak-kneed. Ramachandra Rao deserves careful watching as he is, in my opinion, the real fomentor of all these troubles. The tragedy of the situation is that he is insincere to the Kaniyars. A few of his accomplices among the Kaniyars including those who came from the bordering British Taluk of Kollegal also, have raised subscriptions from among the whole community of Kaniyars under false pretexts. Ramachandra Rao has encouraged them to do so. The movement is ill-concieved, ill-founded and ill-started. Its possibilities for mischief are however immense. It is dangerous to allow the campaign to commence as feelings among the non-Kaniyars in this matter are also high in and around T.Narasipur.

Further developments, if any, are being closely watched and will be duly reported.

Yours Sincerely,

M. Appamathan

A. V. Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,

Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District, Mysore.

From

K.Siddharamappa, Esq.

Superintendent of

Mysore District

To The Inspector General of Police in Bangalore.

through, A.V. Ramanathan, Esq.

Deputy Commissioner

Mysore District,

M y s o r e.

Dated 13th February 1926.

Despatched 13/2

General No. 13-2/26.
No.

Enclosure No.

Sir,

With reference to your No. C.1700/25 dated 27/1/26 calling for a report about the Satyagraha Movement started by the Kaniyars of T.Narasipur Taluk I have the honour to state as follows:-

One Mr. Ramachendra Rao, an Hale-Karnataka Brahmin of Tagadur in Nanjangud Taluk, who is after cheap notority is the organiser of this Satyagraha agitation. It is learnt that he acted as arbitrator in a quarrel between some Kaniyars and caste-Hindus in the mill area in Bangalore, the former claiming to be non-panchamas and the latter not conceding this position. He (also known as Purushottamadasaru) under the pretext, Mr. Ramachandra Rao, organised a conference of Kaniyars in a tope by the side of T.Narasipur Travellers' Bungalow on the 5th September 1925, with the object of securing a higher

h r Status for them in Hindu society. The co
p sided over by Mr. M.Venkatakrishniah of Mysore. The pro
were watched by the local Police and nothing objectionable - -
transpired. Mr. Ramachandra Rao subsequently wrote to the - - -
Parapatyagar of the Sree Gunjanarasimhaswamy temple, the Taluk -
Amildar, the Sub Division Officer and other officers stating that
in persuance of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Kaniya
the Kaniyars had been given a mandate to enter the temple in - - -
question by seeking the entry by non-violent non-co-operation - -
though no such resolution was passed at the conference on 5/9/1925

The Amildar issued an endorsement to Mr. Thagadur Ramachandra Rao to the effect that to permit entry into the Sree Gunjanarasimh swamy temple was against mamool and that the temple being a - - - muzarai institution such an entry would not be permitted by the - local authorities.

The Amildar having received a printed pamphlet stating that - the Kaniyars intended doing Satyagraha in front of the temple in - question on 20/12/25, issued an endorsement to Mr. Thagadoor - - - Ramachandra Rao that no demonstration in front of the temple which is likely to obstruct the passage of archaks and devotees would be permitted and that acts transgressing the order would be duly - - dealt with according to law. He further met the head-men of the Kanyars in Krishnapura and other places and explained to them that they would be ill-advised to attempt anything like Satyagraha in front of the temple.

Having received instructions from the Deputy Commissioner, ysore to whose notice all the above facts had been duly brought - by the Amildar, I went to T.Narasipur on 19/12/25. The Sub - - - Division Officer, Nanjangud also came there the same evening with Mr. K.Venkatasami Iyer, Advocate, Nanjangud. A small rowti with flag in front had been pitched in the shandy yard and five - - - Kanyars were seated therein. Thagadur Ramachandra Rao who was - in the Travellers' Bungalow informed me that he had arranged to - hold a Bhajana with four Kanyars by turns in front of the temple

temple in question and continue it till the Kanyars got - - - admission into the temple. The whole thing was a hoax ~~xxx~~ engineered by the said Ramachandra Rao to seek notority and - the Kanyars were neither able to say what Satyagraha meant - - nor to explain why they wished to make the Bhajana. Some of them said that their children were not being admitted into - - village schools and others said that they could not take water from the tanks. Mr. K.Venkataswami Iyer advised Mr. Thagadur Ramachandra Rao not to rush head long and bring himself and - Kanyars into trouble but to proceed constitutionally for redressing any wrongs from which the Kanyars were suffering and in the result Ramachandra Rao and his party left the place on the morning of 20/12/25 with their rowty.

Again two hand bills (copies enclosed) were issued by Mr. Thagadur Ramachandra Rao under his signature notifying - - - - Satyagraha campaign by Kanyars on 24/1/26. This date seems t have been purposely selected, it being the Mudukatore Ratotsava day, when all officers would be very busy there.

I went to T.Narasipur on the morning of that day. There were assembled about 70 to 80 Kanyars near the Travellers' - - Bungalow under the leader-ship of Mr. Ramachandra Rao, the loca self-styled Ghandi. Messrs. T.T. Sarma, Editor of Viswakarnataka, P.R. Ramiah, A.Serva Bhatta of Vadermanchanahalli fame, Devadu Narasimhasastry were also present having come from - - Bangalore to encourage the movement, the ostensible object - - being the entry into Sri Gunja Narasimhaswamy temple, the - - real object being to gain socio-religious elevation among the Hindus, Kanyars having been classed with the Panchamas. The Sub Division Officer, Nanjangud and the Taluk Amildar were also there advising the Kaniyars and their leaders upon the undesirability and the futility of carrying on Satyagraha in the Mysore State while the Government of His Highness the Maharaja were doing everything in their power for the uplift and - - - advancement of all the depressed classes.

The grievance of the Kanyars is that while they are having

having higher status than the Panchamas and free admission into Hindu temples in Southern India, they are classed with the Panchamas in Mysore and subjected to all dis-abilities - and hard-ships in common with the Panchamas. Their resolve was to stop at the place where their entry into the temple is objected to or obstructed and make in a peaceful and - orderly manner Bhajans till their object was gained. The other Hindus are strongly opposed to the Kanyars' entry into the temple, being against Sanatana Dharma.

While the Sub Division Officer was arguing with the - leaders about the undesirability and impracticability of - their method of action, one of the Kanyars said that they - would not tolerate any opposition to their entry into the - temple but would effect the same at all cost. The leaders - being unnerved at this behaviour of his, Varadaraja Narasimha-Sastry withdrew from their association with the Satyagraha - movement advising the Kanyars had Chamaraja Rao to postpone their action till the Kanyars practiced self-restraint and - discipline and the assembly dispersed.

I was informed by some of the Kanyar leaders that they had ill-advisedly taken up the Satyagraha and would try to - attain their object by moving the Government through the - representative Assembly and Legislative Council.

Under the circumstances represented above no trouble of any kind is apprehended at present.

The Satyagraha movement referred to herein was duly - brought to the kind notice of the Inspector General of Police through Daily General diaries for the weeks ending 19th 19/12/25, and 30/1/26 and as nothing important worth mentioning - transmission any of the above dates no special report was submitted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd/ K. Siddharamappa
Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

To be submitted to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department for information.
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